

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

VANDERHOEK et al.

Serial No.: 10/721,231

Group Art Unit: 1618

Filed: 11/6/2003

Examiner: VICKIE KIM

For: METHOD & COMPOSITION WITH CONJUGATED LINOLEIC ACID
ESTERS

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION / AMENDMENT

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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This is in response to the non-final Office Action dated 25 September 2006. The Examiner is requested to enter the following amendments and to consider arguments in favor of advancing prosecution to allowance. In accordance with 37 CFR 1.121 a Claim Listing is included and the status of each claim is indicated according to the seven permissible status identifiers, i.e. (Original), (Currently amended), (Cancelled), (Previously presented), (New), (Not entered), (Withdrawn). Amended claims use brackets for additions and strike-through for deletions. A clean set of claims is also included per Sec. 1.121(c)(3).

Remarks

Upon entry of this Amendment, claims 23, 45-48 will be pending. Claims 1-22 and 29-44 have been withdrawn by the Examiner. Claims 24-28 has been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Applicants reserve the right to prosecute the subject matter of the withdrawn and cancelled claims in a continuation, continuation-in-part or divisional application. Applicants have added new claims 45-48 to more clearly define the scope of protection being sought. Support for the amendments can be found throughout the specification, including